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1. US EXHIBIT DIRECTOR FLANAGAN HAS CONFIRMED THAT SPACE
(5 X 6 METERS) IN ONE OF THREE SMALL BUILDINGS LOCATED ON
EXHIBIT SITE CAN BE CONVERTED FOR SEMINAR USE. WE WISH TO
RUN SEMINAR PROGRAM DURING BUCHAREST FAIR, OCTOBER 16-25 ,
AS WELL AS IN CLUJ, IASI, AND TIMISOARA (PARA 4 BUCH 3871).
2. FOR BUCHAREST SEMINAR PROGRAM, WE INTEND TO DRAW NO MORE
THAN 20 RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS FOR EACH SESSION FROM ACADEMY
OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IN BUCHAREST) AND AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH INSTITUTES. IN LIMITING EACH SESSION TO 20, WE HOPE TO
STIMULATE DISCUSSION AND DIALOGUE AND AVOID STUFFY LECTURE
ATMOSPHERE. SHORT PRESENTATION COULD PRECEDE DISCUSSION, OR
HOPEFULLY A PAPER COULD BE CIRCULATED BEFOREHAND. IN THAT CASE,
READING OF PAPER COULD BE DISPENSED WITH ENTIRELY AND TIME
DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO DIALOGUE.

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3. IDEALLY, EACH NORMAL WORK DAY OF FAIR (MONDAY THROUGH

SATURDAY, OCT 18-23) WOULD INCLUDE FOUR ONE HOUR SEMINARS FROM 0900-1300. WE WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS FROM ACADEMY TO FAIRGROUNDS, RETURNING TO ACADEMY AT 1600, END OF NORMAL WORKING HOURS. WE WOULD HOPE TO GET DIFFERENT GROUPS OF UP TO 80 EACH DAY. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR EACH SPEAKER TO DIVIDE HIS SPECIALIZATION INTO SIX SEPARATE TOPICS, ONE FOR EACH DAY.

4. ABOVE FORMAT DISCUSSED WITH DR ALEXANDRU COVOR, GENERAL DIRECTOR, ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCIENCES, ON AUGUST 5. HE SUGGESTS THAT BUCAREST SESSION OF SEMINAR PROGRAM SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO SCIENTISTS ENGAGED IN PURE RESEARCH FROM ALL OVER ROMANIA; THREE PROVINCIAL SESSIONS COULD CONCENTRATE ON PROBLEMS OF AGRONOMISTS AND SCIENTISTS IN APPLICATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY. DR COVOR STRESSED THAT SEMINAR PROGRAM WOULD BE OF ENORMOUS INTEREST TO ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. HE EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE THAT DISCUSSIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY SLIDES OR FILMS AND THAT PAPERS BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR DISSEMINATION.

5. DR COVOR HAS SUGGESTED FOUR PRIORITY AREAS FOR SEMINAR TOPICS:

- A. CORN AND OTHER GRAINS
- B. SOYBEANS AND SUNFLOWERS
- C. FORAGE CROPS
- D. HORTICULTURE

FOUR AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS TO BE BROUGHT TO ROMANIA SHOULD BE SPECIALIZED IN A) CORN TECHNOLOGY, B) SOYBEAN TECHNOLOGY, C) FORAGE CROPS AS SOURCES FOR PROTEIN, AND D) FRUIT TREES (WITH POSSIBLE SECONDARY INTEREST IN GRAPES). HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT, AS OPTIONAL FIFTH CATEGORY, ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND CATTLE REPRODUCTION WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. FYI: WE NOTICE THAT THROUGH JUDICIOUS COMBINATION OF TOPICS SUGGESTED PARA 7 BUCH 3871 , THIS ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DR COVOR'S WISHES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ENSURE SEMINAR'S SUCCESS. END FYI. SINCE PRINCIPAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES FOR CORN AND SOY-BEANS ARE AT FUNDULEA (45 MINUTES BY CAR FROM BUCHAREST) FOR FORAGE CROPS AT BRASOV (3 HOURS), FOR ORCHARDS AT PITESTI (ONE AND A HALF HOURS), AND VINEYARDS AT VALEA CALUGAREASCA UNCLASSIFIED

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(ONE HOUR), VISITS BY AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO THOSE INSTITUTES PRIOR TO OPENING OF FAIR WOULD BE USEFUL. FYI: WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXCELLENT WAY OF PROMOTING FAIR. END FYI.

6. COVOR HAS PROPOSED AS SIX SUB-TOPICS (ONE FOR EACH DAY) FOR HORTICULTURE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) TREE DENSITY PER HECTARE

- B) QUALITY VERSUS DENSITY
- C) HERBICIDES ON FRUIT TREES
- D) MECHANIZATION OF FRUIT GROWING
- E) WINTER STORAGE OF FRESH FRUIT
- F) FRUIT PROCESSING

HE EXPLAINED THAT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BEING DEVOTED TO SUPER-INTENSIVE PLANTING OF FRUIT TREES. HE REFERRED TO A CORN-LIKE PLANT WHICH YIELDS 80 TONS OF APPLES PER HECTARE FROM DENSITY OF 44,000 PLANTS PER HECTARE. HE WILL CONSULT WITH RESEARCHERS AT FUNDULEA THIS WEEK FOR SIMILAR BREAKDOWN INTO SIX SUB-TOPICS FOR EACH OF OTHER THREE MAIN SUBJECTS. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THOSE SUGGESTIONS BY TELEGRAM NEXT WEEK.

7. COVOR OFFERED COMMENTS ON LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND OUTLINE OF SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED BY USIS CORE EXHIBIT. ONLY COMPANIES WHICH DID NOT PRODUCE GREAT EXCITEMENT AS HE READ THROUGH LIST WERE BLISS AND CONTINENTAL CAN (BECAUSE FOOD PROCESSING NOT A CONSUMING INTEREST FOR ACADEMY), ELLIOTT MACHINE CORP., AND BURR-BROWN. HE HOPED THAT BURR-BROWN WOULD BE ABLE TO SUITABLY MODIFY ITS EXHIBIT OF INDUSTRIAL DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS TO BE OF USE IN AGRICULTURE.

8. HE MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WAS PERSONALLY SUPPORTING APPLICATION OF FURROW AND PIPE IRRIGATION TECHNIQUES TO ROMANIAN AGRICULTURE. PRESENTATIONS ON GRAIN DRYING SHOULD STRESS USES OF NATURAL HEAT SOURCES, LIKE SUN. COVOR ENTERED INTO LONG DISCOURSE ON USES OF HIGH-POWERED (150 HP OR MORE) TRACTORS FOR SPEED-PLOWING AND PERFORMANCE OF MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS DURING SAME PASS AT FIELD. DRAWING ON HIS OWN EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, HE SUGGESTED PROFESSOR ALEXANDER OF ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY UNCLASSIFIED

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AS POSSIBLE CORN SPECIALIST FOR SEMINAR PROGRAM.

9. COVOR PROMISED VERY WIDE DISSEMINATION OF ANY INFORMATION WE PROVIDE HIM ON FAIR AND ASSURED US OF TOTAL OF 300-500 ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 24 ONE-HOUR SEMINARS. HE ALSO BELIEVES THESE TOPICS WILL BE EQUALLY SUITABLE FOR IASI, CLUJ, AND TIMISOARA. DATES AND LOGISTICS OF PROVINCIAL SEMINAR PROGRAMS NOT YET KNOWN. WE WILL ADVISE ASAP.
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